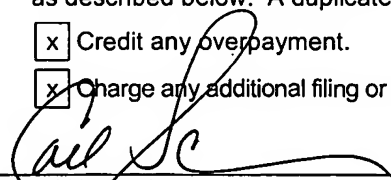




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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. APA-0215	
Application No. 10/507,326-Conf. #4008		Filing Date September 10, 2004		Examiner S. M. Heinrich	
				Art Unit 1725	
Applicant(s): Yasuhide Otsu et al.					
Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING BRITTLE MATERIAL					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6, 8-14 and 16 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 7 and 15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 14 and 16 are amended and claims 17-20 are added.